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To: All Emergency Medical Dispatchers, Emergency Medical Responders, EMTs, EMT-Intermediates, Advanced EMTs, Paramedics, Executives, Chiefs, Directors, Supervisors, and Administrators

cc: Medical Control Board Physicians & Office of the Medical Director Staff

Re: National EMS Week, May 16 – 22, 2021



Congratulations to each emergency medical services professional in our EMS system on the occasion of 2021's National EMS Week, a week that recognizes the essential and heroic service you provide each and every day!

On behalf of the Medical Control Board and the Office of the Medical Director, we are honored to recognize and thank you for your inspiring sacrifices in serving the citizens and visitors depending upon our EMS system. The national theme of 2021's EMS Week is EMS Strong: Caring for Our Communities. The meaning of this really strikes home when we think of our EMS system's team being you and your colleagues, over 2600 strong by recent census, unified in the mission of caring for our communities through providing optimal EMS care whenever and wherever patients need it most.

Last year, our EMS system responded to over 225,000 calls, again making ours one of the busiest in the United States and beyond. Your commitment to excellence in prehospital medicine definitely makes EMS Strong, not just a slogan, but a reality for the over 170,000 patients that received the care making a positive impact on their health, both acute and chronic conditions and across the whole spectrum of illness and injury.

The Office of the Medical Director staff and we hope to see as many of you as possible this week. Please accept this communication as the following: 1) a personal and sincere thank you for your fine work, and 2) an invitation to directly hear from you, what we can do even better to serve our patients and very importantly, to serve you as you serve patients.

Keep up your enthusiasm, your commitment, your pride, your strength, and your caring!

With respect & sincere appreciation for difficult, meaningful work done extremely well,

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